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been willing to consider, but I am at the point now where I am not going to be very enthusiastic, as a matter of fact I'll have definite lack of enthusiasm for doing those sorts of shifts unless along with that we see some greater efficiencies in the way in which property tax dollars are spent. The proposal that I was going to offer would be a very modest step forward in that line. It's one that's going to add controversy to this bill and controversy enough to LB 1050, so I'm not going to pursue it. But just to once again throw out this theme so that people are aware that we're going to have to see, in addition to other sources of funds for property taxes, we are going to have to see, or I'm going to have to see for me to be supportive of that, schemes that show a more efficient use of property tax dollars. I think what Senator Schrock's doing is moving us a little bit in that direction, but I think we need to move much further. But based on the fact that I don't want to slow up this bill, I don't want to slow up LB 1050, I will not be pursuing this idea and I will withdraw that amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: The amendment is withdrawn. Your light is on, Senator Hartnett, did you wish to say, speak to LB 604?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Please. Mr. President, members of the body, maybe the question should be directed to Senator Bohlke, if I could, ask you a question.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Bohlke, would you respond?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, uh-huh.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I had a bill in your committee dealing with the county superintendents and so forth. And it...this talks about the county reorganization committee, and I represent the same county as Senator Withem, we've done away with all, with the last, I think, a couple years ago, Class I districts. How often do the county reorganizations committees meet, and do they need a county superintendent to do this process? It's more of a...doesn't deal directly with this bill, but it just, when I got looking at the committee statements dealing with the bill, I thought, you know, how often do they meet and how active are there in areas like Senator Schrock where it looks like there's a lot of Class I, Class I districts. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Hartnett, first of all the county